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4 MR. KIRKEBY: Good morning. I'm Kevin
5 Kirkeby. I'm a member of the White Pine County
6 Commissioners.

1 7 Let me start off by thanking the
8 Department of Energy for coming out and holding
9 these hearings and listening to the concerns and
10 comments of the people of White Pine County.

11 I'm here today to offer preliminary
12 comments on the Draft Environmental Impact
13 Statement for the Yucca Mountain project. I will
14 offer extensive comments at this evening's
15 hearing. My intent this morning is to
16 characterize the concerns I will raise later
17 today.

18 White Pine County is one of the ten
19 counties designated by the Secretary of Energy as
20 affected by radioactive waste management
21 activities being proposed by the Department of
22 Energy in Nevada. The County's repository
23 oversight activities benefit from the input of a
24 citizen's advisory committee.

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1 White Pine County repository oversight program
2 has sponsored independent assessments of
3 radiological risks associated with legal-weight
4 truck transportation of spent nuclear fuel
5 through the County. The studies have been
6 performed by the Transportation Research Center
7 of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. At DOE's
8 request, copies of these studies were provided to
9 the Department.

10 White Pine County is concerned that
11 DOE elected not to use the information provided
12 by the County in preparing the Yucca Mountain
13 Draft Environmental Impact Statement. White Pine
14 County is disturbed that DOE has elected to
15 largely ignore issues brought up by the County
16 during scoping for the EIS.

17 In general, the issues I will voice
18 tonight include: The failure of DOE to address
19 direct and indirect effects of legal-weight truck
20 shipments through White Pine County, including
21 implications for emergency first response and
22 emergency medical services; the significance of
23 transportation as a principal source of risk
24 within the radioactive waste management system,
25 and the relatively modest extent to which impacts

1 of transportation are considered within the EIS.
2 The nearly complete lack of attention given to
3 identification and evaluation of measures
4 designed to mitigate impacts of spent fuel
5 management within Nevada.

6 As I will elaborate upon this evening,
7 White Pine County will be preparing formal
8 written comments to the draft Yucca Mountain EIS.
9 The County's comments will benefit from the
10 perspectives of several County residents who have
11 volunteered their time to review this section of
12 the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for
13 which they have specific expertise.

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14 I trust DOE will give far more
15 credence to the verbal and written comments of
16 White Pine County about the adequacy of the Draft
17 Environmental Impact Statement than was
18 demonstrated by the Department regarding
19 suggestions provided about the suggested scope of
20 the document. Thank you.

21 THE FACILITATOR: Thank you, sir.

22 MR. SKIPPER: Thank you for your comment.

23 MR. KIRKEBY: You're welcome.

24 THE FACILITATOR: Our next speaker is

25 Harry Kelman. And you'll be followed by Tom Bugo.